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BEDFORD RECEIVES FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE OTIS PARK BAND SHELL

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Jerry Denbo (D-French Lick) said Bedford received a \$141,750 Community Development Block Grant for the restoration of the Otis Park Band Shell. The presentation was made during the Community Focus Fund Awards ceremony at the Statehouse Monday afternoon.

"This grant will allow the city to repair and restore the old band shell in Otis Park," said Denbo. "The exterior masonry needs cleaning and the facility needs recaulking as well as other improvements. The band shell holds an important place in the memories of Bedford residents. I am extremely pleased the project received this funding. It is important that we preserve structures like the band shell instead of letting them decay and become useless.

"Cooperation between local and state officials is critical to obtain funding like this," continued Denbo. "When local entities and those representing the state work together, the local community benefits. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of such cooperation."

The Indiana Office of Rural Affairs presents Community Development Block Grants to rural communities for local projects.